



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0334]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of New Approval of Information Collection: Safety Statement Requirement for Manufacturers of Small Unmanned Aircraft

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval new information collection. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 7, 2019. The collection involves manufacturers of small unmanned aircraft providing a safety statement to owners of the UAS they produce. This is a statutory requirement. To minimize the burden on small businesses, the FAA has developed an example safety statement that can be used to satisfy the requirement.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by **[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation / FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Orquina, Senior Communications Specialist, by e-mail at: jessica.a.orquina@faa.gov; phone: 202-267-7493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-XXXX

Title: Requests for Comments; Clearance of New Approval of Information Collection: Safety Statement Requirement for Manufacturers of Small Unmanned Aircraft

Form Numbers: N/A

Type of Review: This is a new information collection request.

Background: The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 7, 2019 (Document Citation: 84 FR 72438).

Section 2203 of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-90) requires manufacturers of small unmanned aircraft to make available to the owner a safety statement that satisfies requirements detailed in that section. The requirements include:

1. Information about, and sources of, laws and regulations applicable to small unmanned aircraft;
2. Recommendations for using small unmanned aircraft in a manner that promotes the safety of person and property;
3. The date that the safety statement was created or last modified; and
4. Language approved by the Administrator regarding the following:
 - a. A person may operate the small unmanned aircraft as a model aircraft (as defined in section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note)) or otherwise in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration authorization or regulation, including requirements for the completion of any applicable airman test.

- b. The definition of a model aircraft under section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note).
- c. The requirements regarding the operation of a model aircraft under section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note).
- d. The Administrator may pursue enforcement action against a person operating model aircraft who endangers the safety of the national airspace system.

By statute, manufacturers will be required to make a safety statement available to small UAS owners. This manufacturer insert serves as an example safety statement that UAS manufacturers may use. The FAA provides an example safety statement and guidance to assist manufacturers to comply with this requirement.

The FAA received comments to the 60-day Federal Register Notice from Airlines from America and two individuals.

- The FAA considered all comments equally.
- The FAA agrees with Airlines for America: “The Safety Statement is an important safety and oversight tool to ensure that sUAS manufacturers are compliant with FAA accepted consensus safety standards, while imposing minimal burden upon the sUAS industry.”
- Since the requirement for manufacturers to make safety statements available is statutory, this information collection request is not an overstep by the FAA, but part of the process to implement Section 2203 of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-90). In addition, to reduce the burden on manufacturers, the FAA has provided a sample safety statement for manufacturers to use to satisfy this requirement or as a guide to create a custom safety statement. The FAA has updated the sample safety statement as needed and will continue to do so.

Respondents: Manufacturers of small UAS sold in the U.S. (Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) reports there are 471 active manufacturers in February 2019.)

Frequency: Updates as required due to changes in Agency regulations, rules, or policy

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 40 Hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Estimated cost per respondent is \$3,200.

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